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Sections of Midtown Greenway closing for repairs

Crews will be patching cracks and sealing the trail's paved surface from Abbott Avenue South to Hiawatha Avenue

Aug. 10, 2012 (MINNEAPOLIS) The Midtown Greenway will experience a series of closures the next couple weeks for repair work. Beginning Monday, Aug. 13, City crews will be patching cracks and sealing the paved trail surface from Abbott Avenue South to Hiawatha Avenue. The Kenilworth Trail between the Midtown Greenway and Cedar Lake Parkway will also experience closures. This work will help preserve the trail for a decade or longer.

Full closures of the trails are needed to perform joint sealing and sand sealing work that will help preserve the trail surface for at least 10 years. The closures will occur in four phases - running west to east - each lasting 2-3 days. Marked detours will be provided. The work schedule is tentative and may change due to weather conditions or construction delays. The trail will remain open on weekends.

The closures will occur in four stages, each lasting no more than two days. Detour routes will be posted.

- **Phase 1**
The Midtown Greenway will be closed from Abbott Avenue South to East Calhoun Parkway. Also, the Kenilworth Trail will be closed from the Midtown Greenway to Cedar Lake Parkway.
- **Phase 2**
The Midtown Greenway will be closed from East Calhoun Parkway to Colfax Avenue South.
- **Phase 3**
The Midtown Greenway will be closed from Colfax Avenue South to 10th Avenue South.
- **Phase 4**
The Midtown Greenway will be closed from 11th Avenue South to Hiawatha Avenue South.

This work will not affect the Sabo Bridge or any sections of the Midtown Greenway east of Hiawatha.

The dates for these stages may change due to weather. For updates on closure dates and detour routes, go to www.minneapolismn.gov/bicycles/detours.

The Midtown Greenway is a virtually vehicle-free path cutting straight across south Minneapolis, from the Chain of Lakes to the Mississippi River. With only thirteen street intersections (most of which have low vehicle traffic) and one railroad crossing, this 5.7-mile trail gives cyclists and pedestrians a safer way to travel along the Lake Street corridor. On its west end, the Midtown Greenway connects to the Southwest LRT Trail, which provides a direct connection to the suburbs of St. Louis Park, Hopkins, and beyond. On its east end, the trail connects with the trail along West River Parkway. On average, the Midtown Greenway has more than 3,000 trail users a day, including bicyclists and pedestrians.

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